

# An Historical Sketch

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## Parish of St. James

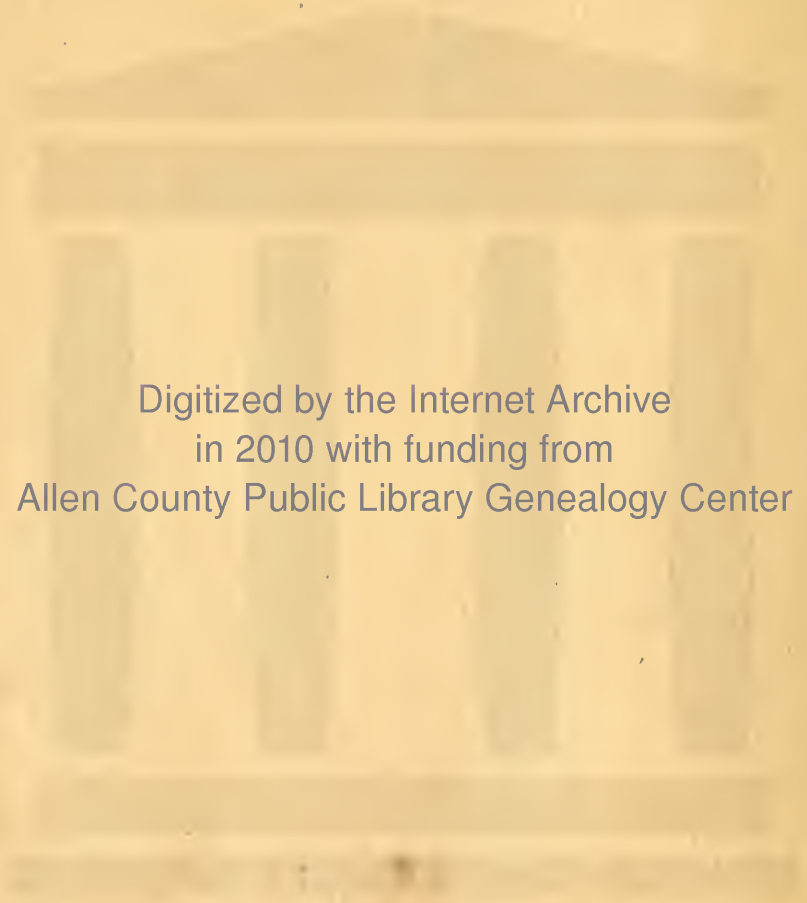
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### The Missionary Period

SOME eighty years ago, or to be more precise, in the year 1841, the English "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts," commonly known as the S. P. G., began its work in the Huron District of Upper Canada with the Establishment of Mission Stations at Goderich, Manitoulin Island, and the Devonshire Settlement (possibly Exeter?). The Report of the Society for 1839 states that "there is not a Minister of any denomination between London and Goderich." The Clergymen attached to these and other stations to supply the spiritual needs of the settlers who were beginning to pour into this rich tract under the direction and management of the Canada Land Company were all of the itinerant class. Traveling over districts often as large as half a county, on foot or on horseback, these hardy pioneers of the church baptized and married; ministered consolation to the sick and performed the burial service, in all seasons and in all weathers. The Missionaries preached, as occasion offered, in the log cabins of the settlers, schoolhouses, and even in mills and barns at times. For instance, Archdeacon Brough, of St. John's, north of London, is said to have held services in the first mill erected on the site of the present mill property near the Stone bridge on Queen Street as early as 1843. Mrs. W. F. Sanderson of St. Marys, states that she was present at a service held by Rev. Archibald Lampman in the home of the late Mr. David Cathcart of the Base Line, Blanshard, in 1847. It is recorded that in 1845 the late Canon Betteridge, for over forty years Rector of Woodstock, visited in his last illness in the Township of Downie, near St. Mary's, a young man who had been a candidate for the Ministry, named Thomas Walton, and afterwards performed the burial service over his remains at Stratford. Mrs. Sarah Dunbar, probably the oldest living member of St. James' congregation, is a sister of Mr. Walton.

When the Rev. A. Lampman, who was the first Missionary to give regular church services and ministry to the pioneers of this section, began his labours here is uncertain, but the evidence points strongly to the year 1847. His Parish Record, as we have it, began in 1851. Yet as the one hundred and one baptisms recorded in it as having been performed by him in this district for that year were mostly those of infants, it does not seem likely that this was the beginning of his work here, unless indeed some other



clergyman of whom we have no record had occupied the field before him. However this may be, he seems to have been a man of wonderful energy, zeal and perseverance in the face of the natural obstacles which at that time stood in the way of carrying on his work. It needs but a knowledge of the family names of the district between St. Marys and Lake Huron which he



REV. C. K. MASTERS. Present Rector.

travelled over to realize the meaning of those clearly-written and systematic entries which occupy page after page of this old book. All are dated and made with great detail as to place, time and circumstances. Month after month in all seasons he appears to have made the round of his extensive

parish. Here occur such well-known names in church annals as those of the Cases and Hawkins of the Exeter and Clinton road ; the Achesons and Carlings of Exeter ; the Stanleys, Hodginses, Daggs, and Atkinsons of Biddulph, and many names from the Township of McGillivray. Coming nearer to St. Marys we find the names of Tufts, Berry, Irvine and Robinson of the Kirkton district ; and those of Dinsmore, Ridley, Moore, Rinn and Hayes of the Southern and Eastern part of Blanshard. Downie is represented by the Lancasters, Porters, and soon after the Hepburns. Under St. Mary's occur the names of Fraleigh, Harrison, Smith, Allen, Morphy, Guest, Oddy, Ingersoll and Belch. Over eighty baptisms are recorded for the year 1852. The large families so common among the early settlers seemed to have been most carefully and conscientiously attended to in regard to the performance of this rite in those days, as an acquaintance with them and this book readily shows. Most of them, being of British origin, had brought this regard for church ceremonies with them from the old land. When Mr. Lampman left the districts in 1858, St. James possessed a comfortable stone church on the present grounds and was ready to assume under the next clergyman the status and dignity of a full-fledged parish, tho' still dependent for support to some extent on the Mission Funds of Huron Diocese, which had been carved out of the more comprehensive Diocese of Toronto in 1857. Mr. Lampman after filling positions in Morpeth, Perry Town, and Gore Bay, retired to Ottawa and spent the latter years of his life in the home of his son, the distinguished Canadian poet, Archibald Lampman.



## The Parish of St. James

That the change in status just mentioned from a Missionary appointment to an independent parish took place at this time is quite plain from the entries in the register. With the coming of the Rev. James Smythe to St. Mary's in 1858 the entries affecting persons in those parts of the district west of the Township of Blanshard almost entirely disappear. Henceforth these relate to persons dwelling in St. Marys, Blanshard and Downie for the most part. St. Mary's had become an incorporated village two years before this, and moreover, the completion of the settlement of the surrounding Townships, which had fully taken place by the year 1858, would naturally lead to the establishment of other independent parishes in the district west of this. We have no records of the seven years during which the Rev. Jas. Smythe was Rector of St. James, except the Parish Register. The church would seem to have flourished, however, during these years, if one may judge from the members who were made members of it by baptism. In 1860 sixty-three persons, mostly infants, were baptized.

In 1865 the Rev. Stephen Benson Kellogg succeeded Mr. Smythe as Rector of St. James, and at the end of one year was succeeded by the Rev. J. P. Curran. We notice that sixty-eight baptisms were performed by this

gentleman during the first year of his pastorate, which would indicate a healthy state of church life in the parish. Mr. Curran remained for four years in charge of St. James, being then transferred to Walkerton. He was succeeded by a sprightly, cheery-faced young Englishman who was to remain for eighteen years in the Parish, the Rev. Joel T. Wright. During the latter part of Mr. Wright's pastorate the church building was enlarged to its present dimensions by additions to the chancel and the building of the tower, and at the same time the interior was renovated. This was in 1886, the total cost of the improvements was in the neighborhood of six thousand dollars. Mr. W. Williams was the architect. Plans for erecting



REV. W. J. TAYLOR  
Rector 1890-1917

a Rectory on the church grounds to take the place of the old Rectory on Thomas Street, adjoining Mr. W. V. Hutton's property, had been formed and subscriptions taken up as early as 1882, but these were held in abeyance for some years owing to the more pressing need of rebuilding the church. Finally in 1889 the present Rectory was built. Meantime, despite these outward signs of progress, signs of disunion, that common foe of church life, began to appear in the congregation of St. James. The Rector had in 1881, in common with seventeen other clergymen similarly situated, opposed the withdrawal of grants to their respective parishes from missionary



moneys controlled by the synod. The matter was taken to the courts, with the result that much ill-feeling was engendered among churchmen in all parts of the Diocese. Finally in 1888, owing to the division caused by the reaction of this feeling on his own congregation, Mr. Wright resigned his charge here and was appointed to Norwich, where he spent the remainder of his life, for 16 years in ministering to the people of that parish. Many persons in the parish will still remember his talented and devoted partner in life, Mrs. Wright, whose Bible Class it was a rare privilege to attend, in the Sunday School of those days; and the romantic story of her escape from the shipwrecked steamer, the Anglo-Saxon, lost off the Newfoundland Coast in the year 1863.

The Rev. Charles O'Meara succeeded to the Rectorship of the parish in 1888. During his tenure of the position, the former bonds between Trinity Church, Prospect Hill, and St. James were renewed, and Mr. O'Meara took over the work in that church as an out-station of St. James. The present Rectory was built at this time, and the old Rectory on Thomas Street disposed of.

The Rev. T. W. Magahy, who succeeded Mr. O'Meara in 1890 with good prospects of a successful ministry in the parish, was called to his reward after the brief space of three months, to the great sorrow of his parishoners. In September of this year, the late Rector, the Rev. W. J. Taylor, came to St. James from Mitchell, and remained practically up to the time of his death in 1917—a period of nearly twenty-seven years. During these years many improvements were made in the interior of the church, the shed at the back of the church was built, the splendid Parish Hall was erected, the debt on the church property was entirely removed, and last, but not least, the church grounds were transformed from a bare and stony hillside into the present grounds with their lawns, trees, rare shrubs and flowers. The land was originally donated to the church by the late Mr. Thos. Ingersoll, and this liberal provision of ground was safeguarded from spoliation by succeeding generations of needy church wardens by the placing of the church building in its present position when first erected in 1856. The Rev. W. J. Taylor's artistic sense and devotion to gardening were the crowning circumstances which made these church grounds almost unique in the Diocese in respect to size, fitness and beauty. Mr. Taylor, who had been a newspaper writer in London, England, before he entered the church, never forgot the lessons thus learned regarding the power and value of the press as a means of disseminating knowledge, and was a constant contributor to influential newspapers in this Province, on moral, social and religious topics. He was one of the founders of the Perth County Association for the promotion of religious education in the Public Schools, and for many years was chairman of the committees on Temperance and Sabbath Observance in the synod, and in that capacity did much by his fearless advocacy of measures of reform, often in the face of opposition from other members of that body, to bring about the final abolition of the liquor traffic in this Province. Mr. Taylor was ably aided in his parish work by his partner in life, Mrs. Taylor, whose services in connection with the Choir, and other Auxiliary Societies in



the church were freely and liberally bestowed. Following the retirement, owing to advancing age, and sudden demise a few weeks afterwards of the Rev. W. Taylor, the Bishop appointed to the Rectorship in October, 1917, the Rev. Captain Charles Keith Masters, M. A., B. D., who was at the time on service overseas as Chaplain with the forces in France, where he was awarded the Military Cross for services in the field. And so we come in the history of St. James to the period when all who have the interests of the Parish at heart are busily engaged in making the pattern of the web of the church life of this congregation as beautiful and praiseworthy in the sight of the Master as they can, leaving it to future historians to record and pass judgment on these efforts.



REV. THOMAS WILLIAM MAGAHY

Rector 1890



## The Church Buildings

For the first ten or fifteen years of the period under consideration in this sketch, the old stone schoolhouse which stood until recently on the corner opposite the water tower on Queen St. East, served as a place of worship for each and all of the Protestant denominations of this community as it then was. A cemetery was attached thereto in the grounds adjoining the building. About 1851, according to the best authorities, steps were taken

toward the erection of a stone church on the present grounds, which had been donated by the late Mr. Thomas Ingersoll, to whom the Canada Company had granted the town plot in consideration of the erection of a mill and other utilities for the benefit of the settlers on their lands in the adjoining townships. This building must have been completed either in 1856 or early in 1857, as a well-known member of the church attests to its having been the scene of a baptism in the latter year, tho' it was not open for worship in the preceding year, services being then still held in the schoolhouse. The men of those days built wisely and well, seeing that the nave of the original building remains as such in the present church. The tower and porch were added in 1886, when the chancel was also enlarged, and the church reaseated and renovated throughout. A basement and furnace were added at the same time, the total cost of these improvements being in the neighborhood of \$6000. Among the devoted members and adherents of the church who have helped to make possible the well-appointed church edifice which now adorns and is adorned by the well kept grounds, the following should be mentioned. These benefices were made chiefly by will in the shape of legacies for use in connection with the church properties. Mrs. Arundel Hill, Mr. George Morse, of Carlingford, Mr. John Tait, Mr. John Timms, Messrs W. V. and Joseph Hutton, and Mr. Wm. Rhynd of Blanshard..

Stained glass windows have been placed in the church in memory of departed relatives by Mrs. Arundel Hill, Mrs. James Moore, Mrs. C. S. Rumsey, and Mr. Joseph Hutton, while the congregation as a whole have paid respect in a similar way to the memories of the Rev. W. J. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor and to the men of the congregation who fell in the great war.

The picturesque but rambling old Rectory across the river on grounds adjoining Westover Park gave place in 1889 to the present Rectory beside the church.

In 1907 the foundation stone for the present graceful and well-equipped Parish Hall was laid by Bishop Williams. This much needed building was made possible largely thro' the liberal donations of Messrs W. V. and J. O. Hutton and Mrs. C. S. Rumsey, as shown in the Annual Reports of the church for several years at and about this time. Being similar in regard to the material used in its construction and its style of architecture to the church, and being placed on the grounds with due regard to the perspective of the whole group of buildings, it harmonizes excellently with the others. To the few surviving members of the congregation who have lived to witness the transformation thus wrought in church buildings in St. James, St. Mary's, during the last seventy years, the effect must be most inspiring. For while material progress of this kind in a parish may not always be an exact measure of its spiritual progress, yet without a strong spiritual motive the material progress cannot and does not manifest itself. As the New Englanders three hundred years ago showed an appreciation of the true values of things by erecting as their first public buildings in each community

a little white church on one of the hills which there abounded, fronted by a little red schoolhouse on an opposite hill, and thereby laid the foundation for that moral and intellectual supremacy which obtains among their descendants everywhere in the United States ; so may these church buildings of St. James, St. Mary's, the concrete expression of a past generation of their faith in the value of the Higher Things of Life, be silent monitors to the present and coming generations pointing to Truth and Righteousness.



REV. CHARLES O'MEARA

Rector 1888-1889



## The A. V. M. A.

For the first fifty years of its existence St. James, like many other Canadian Churches of those times, possessed no facilities for holding social gatherings of the congregation under church auspices. While other Protestant denominations made free use of their church buildings for such purposes, the Church of England held this to be undesirable from a religious point of view, and hence perhaps suffered in popularity especially with the younger part of the population. Though entertainments were from time to time gotten up by the young people of the church in those days, they were carried out under great difficulties owing to the lack of such a building as the

present Parish Hall. One of the earliest attempts to form a Young People's Society of which we have any knowledge, was the establishment of a branch of the St. Andrew's Society for young men in the year 1892. The meetings were held in the Rectory and considerable useful work was accomplished. Members of the Society regularly called on the travellers registered in the different hotels on each Saturday night and invited them to attend service on the following day. The present church shed was also erected by this body without any aid from the church officials. Among the names of members were those of W. E. Taylor, Wm. Bennett, Bert Lancaster, John Bailey, Stephen Knott, John Dunbar, Frank Standeaven, Albert Johnston, Fred. Robinson, Frank Aiken, V. Perdue, Harry Bonis, John Bonis and Chas. Othen. This Society is mentioned as still flourishing in the Annual Report for 1905, with T. B. Bennett as director and J. Moutrie as secretary. About this time the Society became merged in a Young Men's Guild which undertook and carried out the work of erecting the present fence around the church grounds. The King's Daughters, too, about this time, were instrumental in purchasing the new organ and also the present Communion Table. Miss Mary Keen, now Mrs. Spence, of Calgary, was a prominent leader in this Society in those days. The A. Y. P. A. figures in the Annual Reports for the first time in 1910, and has continued to flourish up to the present, furnishing each year programmes helpful to the social, moral and intellectual life of the congregation. The officers for 1920 were :—Patron, Rev. C. K. Masters ; President, Mrs. T. Barrett ; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. L. Spearin ; 2nd Vice-President, H. Tibbits ; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Eva Guthrie ; Organist, Miss Olive Spearin ; Assistant Organist, Miss Thelma Lancaster.

#### COMMITTEES

Programme—Conveners, Mr. H. Tibbits and Miss I. King.

Executive—Mrs. W. J. Mills, Mrs. Masters, H. Bonis, L. Spearin, and W. J. Mills.

Social—Convener, Mrs. L. Spearin.

Sick and Visiting—Convener, Mrs. C. L. Worsley.

Refreshment—Convener, Miss F. Oddy.

Receipts for the year \$745.43.



## The Choir



According to the valued testimony of Mrs. Clench and Mrs. Smith, two of the oldest members of the church in this Parish, having come to St. Mary's in the year 1855, the choir leader and organist for some years about that time was a Mr. Goodfellow, who is described as having been an excellent musician of wide experience in the old land. It is said that the introduction of a musical instrument into the church sometime in the fifties to



REV. JOEL T. WRIGHT  
Rector 1870-1888

aid in the proper rendering of the service was made the subject of vigorous protest by a section of the congregation on the ground that it savored of worldliness and levity. Mrs. Leon Clench and Miss Elizabeth Cruttenden became valued members of the choir about this time and Miss Cruttenden continued to be an organizer and leading spirit therein down to about the

year 1880. Meantime Mr. A. Carman, who came to St. Mary's in 1869, became Choir-Master and was succeeded in time by Mr. W. Williams, Jas. Keltie, Frank Allen, T. Barrett, Ed. Willard and Miss N. Howard, in the order named. Miss Watt was a valued organist for some years in the seventies, and later Miss Molly Ford (also a soloist), Miss Flo Williams, Miss Ada Colley (organist and soloist), Miss Lloyd, and Miss Howard, the present occupant of the position, which she has so satisfactorily filled for many years.

The renovation and enlargement of the church in 1886 resulted in the removal of the choir from the gallery at the back of the church to its present position in the chancel. A pipe organ was installed in 1898 and Vested Choir introduced in 1913.

The choir at present contains the following members :—Organist and Choir Leader, Miss N. Howard; Assistant Organist, Mrs. W. J. Mills; Members—Mesdames T. Crozier, L. Gilbert, C. L. Worsley and Geo. Vice; Misses Olive Bonis, Gertrude Bonis, Olive Crozier, Lillian Dickson, Eva Guthrie, Elsie Hyde, Lena Hyde, Audrey Jackson, Thelma Lancaster, Helen Mills, Alice McRoberts, Sade Richardson, Lottie Stafford, Josie Stafford, Olive Spearin, Margaret Smith, Lillian Smith, Dorothy Worsley, Kathleen Mills; Messrs. Thos. E. Barrett, W. E. Briggs, Gordon Berry, W. N. Harrison, Edward Price, H. L. Rice, C. L. Worsley, Pennyman Worsley; Masters Donald Masters, Gordon Masters, D. Hyde, Robert Bonis.



## Statistics

It will be of interest to the congregation to know that in the last 70 years there have been recorded in the church registers as having been performed by the various clergymen, some 2000 baptisms, 420 marriages and 700 burials.



## Parochial Missions

In the course of the long history of St. James Church no less than five Parochial Missions have been held for the deepening of the spiritual life of its members. In 1891 with Rev. Arthur Murphy as Missioner, in 1896 under the leadership of Rev. Jas. Stephens, in 1899 conducted by Rev. H. C. Dixon, in 1912, with Rev. T. B. Clarke as Missioner and in 1921 guided by Rev. Frank Anderson. Each one has been blessed of God in his efforts to strengthen the church.

## The Chancel Committee

Among the organizations making up the list of our church activities this one deserves honorable mention. It is of recent origin and comes within the sphere of the Women's Parish Guild. Its work consists in the care of the sacred vessels and chancel furniture, the providing of flowers for the Holy Table, and the general oversight of the decoration of the church for the great Festivals, such as Christmas, Easter and Harvest Thanksgiving, in a word, the improvement of the act of Worship.



## Junior Missionary Auxiliary

One of the marked features of growth in the range of parish activities is along the line of Missionary effort. Not only is the volume of giving to Missionary objects steadily increasing but there are to-day encouraging signs of a broadening out policy in the organization for definite Missionary work. For some time the Babies' Branch has been contributing its mite to help along the good cause and recently there was organized a Junior Missionary Guild in which the boys and girls have done some good Missionary work.



## The Women's Parish Guild

(Contributed by Miss Sara Johnston)

In the year 1892 a meeting was held at Mrs. Hutton's to arrange for church work, the object being to assist the Rector and Wardens. The officers elected were :—

President—Mrs. Hutton.  
Vice-President—Mrs. Moore.  
Secretary—Mrs. Jas. Robinson.  
Treasurer—Miss Johnston.

Mite collectors were appointed for the several wards. Several concerts and garden parties were held as time went on, among others, Miss Nora Clench, the noted violinist, lent aid by giving a concert which was greatly enjoyed by a crowded house. Miss Agnes Knox also gave assistance in a similar way by giving readings and recitations for the benefit of the Society. Again, Miss Pauline Johnson was engaged to recite her own poems in Indian

costume; and the famous humorist, W. J. Bengough, appeared under the auspices of this Society. Canon Dann of London, was another noted entertainer who was induced to come here for the benefit of the church, and who gave his well-known lecture on "Ireland and the Irish."

Bazaars for the sale of articles made by the members were held at intervals, and were the means of aiding the church very much both socially and financially.

Several Harvest Home suppers have likewise been held with equal success.

The money obtained by all these means has been devoted to work within the Parish; including the purchase of carpets for the chancel and matting for the aisles, helping to pay interest on church debt, and contributions to current expenses.

A memorable event was the reception given by the Society to the Rev. W. J. Taylor some years ago when he returned from the Old Country. After giving an interesting account of his travels he presented the Wardens with a cheque for \$1700.00, contributed by friends of the church in England, with which to pay off the remainder of the church debt. This was received with cheers by those present, refreshments were served, and the evening closed with the singing of "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

The officers for the present year are :

President—Mrs. L. Spearin.

Vice-Presidents—Miss Nellie Sharp, Mrs. W. J. Mills.

Secretary—Mrs. T. Brewer.

Treasurer—Miss Ida King.

Receipts for the year 1920 were \$653.64.



## The Women's Auxiliary

(Contributed by Mrs. F. E. Taylor.)

The Women's Missionary Auxiliary for St. James' Parish was formed in the year 1888, at the old parsonage, when the following officers were elected :

President—Mrs. J. T. Wright.

Secretary—Miss A. Cruttenden.

Treasurer—Mrs. F. E. Taylor.

There were ten ladies at the first meeting. We decided to meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month. At our first meeting we agreed to



hold an At Home, and to invite the ladies of the town who were interested in Mission work to be present. A large number attended, due perhaps in part to the fact that Bishop Baldwin and Mrs. Baldwin were to be present. Both the Bishop and Mrs. Baldwin gave most inspiring addresses, explaining



REV. JOHN P. CURRAN  
Rector 1866-1870

to the ladies present the effects of the W. A., which were stated to be :—

1. The cultivation of the habit of Bible-reading.
2. Prayer and intercession for Missions.
3. The diffusion of Missionary intelligence and infusion of Missionary zeal among the children of the church.
4. The encouragement of contributions toward Dominion and Foreign Missions.

Since its formation our branch has done good work in educating and clothing the children of Missionaries and other children connected with the Missions, and in sending money and supplies year by year to needy Missions in Western Canada. Another good work accomplished in recent years was the presentation of a Communion Service to the parish of Powassin in Western Canada. This was a love-tribute in honour of the memory of our late honoured President for so many years, Mrs. W. J. Taylor, who was a few years ago called to lay down her burden and go up higher. Through the Rector, the Rev. Percy Parish, this congregation returned hearty and appreciative thanks to our Society for this gift. So far three members have been elevated to the rank of Life Members, namely, Mrs. W. J. Taylor, Miss Edith Taylor, and Mrs. F. E. Taylor. In closing this brief sketch of the W. A., which is necessarily very imperfect owing to lack of space, I should like to impress on my fellow-workers the feeling of the debt of gratitude which we as a Society owe to those who guided and directed us in our early years, especially to the saintly and beloved Bishop Baldwin and Mrs. Baldwin. Under such guidance the spiritual foundation of our organization was laid deep and firm, and we pray God it may ever remain so. This spiritual side should ever be kept first in our policy and the material second to this. We deeply regret the loss of Mrs. Stanley, who was a most devoted worker in the W. A. and an energetic President.

The officers of the W. A. for the present year are :—

President—Miss Standeven.

Secretary—Mrs. Grant.

Treasurer—Miss Sharp.

Finally, I would urge every woman in the Parish to try, if possible, to become a member of this Association.



## The Sunday School



(Contributed by B. F. Lancaster)

Just a note on the Sunday School. From the earliest days of the parish; devoted men and women of the church, and more particularly the women, have given of their services without sparing in this department of church work. Our boys and girls have gone out into every profession and occupation, many are to-day occupying positions of prominence in this and other lands, and it must be a source of great satisfaction to those workers of the earlier days to see how the seeds planted have grown and prospered and to remark that the fruit of a strong Christian maturity has so often sprung

from the weakly seedling, whose future seemed so uncertain and precarious. Years pass by rapidly ; the pupil of yesterday is the teacher of to-day ; and so the work goes steadily on. To-day we have the largest school in the history of the parish and a splendid staff of teachers and officers. Mr. B. Lancaster has been Superintendent for a number of years, while Mr. W. N. Harrison, who has made such a success of his work among the boys, is Assistant Superintendent.



REV. JAMES SMYTHE, M. A.

Rector 1859-1865

The Teachers and Officers, other than the Superintendent, are as follows :—

Teachers—Mrs. Masters, Miss Sharp, Miss Standeven, Miss King, Miss Olive Bonis, Miss H. Mills, Miss Eva Guthrie, Miss Olive Spearin, Miss Thelma Lancaster, Miss Margaret Bonis and Messrs. W. N. Harrison and H. Bonis.

Librarians—Mrs. Spearin and Mrs. T. Barrett.

Secretary—Gordon Brewer.

## Our Part in the Great War



In the great world war 1914-18, the Church of England in Canada is justly proud of the fact that the number of her men sent into the army is out of all proportion to her strength. And in sustaining her splendid record, the parish of St. James played no inconsiderable part. On the Honor Roll of the church, which hangs inside the main entrance, and which is shortly to be replaced by a more permanent tablet, are some 96 names, of men who served on many fields, and who played a worthy part in vindicating those principles of liberty for which our Empire stands. Of that number, 26 made the supreme sacrifice. That their names and their deeds may never be forgotten by the generations to come, the congregation has installed a beautiful memorial window to their memory in the nave of the church, on the south side, near the chancel. The subject is, fittingly, St. Paul's Christian Knight, as pictured in Ephesians VI, with the motto, "Put on the whole Armour of God." At the base of the window is this inscription :—  
To the Glory of God and in proud and loving memory of the men of this parish who gave their lives in the great war 1914-19.

"There name liveth forevermore."

On the window ledge below is a brass tablet with the names of the men commemorated, as follows :—

Eric M. Abendana  
Frank Berry  
Albert Bodenham  
Horace Brewer  
James Gough  
Samuel Gough  
George Gooding  
Everett Langford  
Albert Lewis  
Harry Martin  
Robert T. Matthew  
C. Trevor Montizambert  
William Pettigrew

Frederick Render  
Charles Richardson  
Clarence Robson  
Herbert G. Robinson  
James Cecil Sandercock  
William G. Sandercock  
Murton Shore  
Herbert Stubbins  
Joseph Taylor  
Sidney Taylor  
Frederick James Todd  
Stanley Geo. S. Walpole  
Frederick Wild



The window and tablet were solemnly dedicated at a great service held May 23rd, 1920.

On the wall of the Parish Hall is a special tablet erected by the Sunday School, commemorating those of the glorious company mentioned above who



REV. ARCHIBALD LAMPMAN, B. A.

Missionary 1851-1859

were former members of our school. The tablet was solemnly dedicated at a special Children's Service, held on Easter Day, April 4th, 1920. It is in the form of a shield and contains 11 names, each inscribed on a maple leaf, as follows :

Albert Bodenham  
George Gooding  
Albert Lewis  
Harry Martin  
C. Trevor Montizambert  
Clarence Robson

Herbert G. Robinson  
Joseph Taylor  
Sidney Taylor  
Fred. J. Todd  
Stanley Geo. S. Walpole

## Items of Interest



1. One of the contributors to this sketch of the history of the parish is Mrs. F. E. Taylor, always one of the church's most active workers. Her record is unique, sixty years a Sunday School Teacher, and for twenty-seven years Treasurer of the W. A., and always successful and beloved.

2. Another of our senior members, Mr. H. F. Sharp, has the distinguished honor of being reckoned the oldest living member of the Masonic Fraternity.

3. Still another of our senior members, Mr. A. Carman, has been continuously secretary to the Collegiate Board for 45 years, and for nearly 35 years has also been secretary to the Public School Board.

4. The beautiful Communion Service still in use in the church was presented by a former member, Mrs. Arundel Hill, in the year 1859. On the flagon is this inscription :—"Presented to St. James' Church, St. Marys, by Mrs. Arundel Hill, from friends in the Township of Blanshard 1859."

5. The Silver Cutlery used by the Women's Parish Guild was the gift of Mrs. Kingston Waring, still lovingly remembered as a most active and faithful worker in church affairs.

6. It is very fitting that on the beautiful memorial window in the parish hall, the names of both the Hutton Brothers should be recorded, since the church has benefited so largely from their generous gifts.

7. God buries his workman but carries on his work. It is pleasing to look back on the long succession of workers of other days, and to reflect that the present lovely church property, probably the most beautiful in the diocese of Huron, is a monument that has grown slowly under the hands of many workers, and bears mute testimony to their consecrated interest in the cause of God.

8. No family has had a longer continuous connection with the parish than has that of Mrs. Leon Clench. And it is a matter of pride to the congregation that out of our ranks we gave to the world the famous violinist, Nora Clench, whose reputation as an artiste extended over the wide world.

9. It may not be generally known that for several years, 1892-95, the congregation was served by a newspaper of its own, called "Parish and Home," under the able editorship of the Rector, Rev. W. J. Taylor. Its files are of permanent interest as recording many items of historical importance covering parish affairs.

10. The church draws its recruits to its working force from every walk in life. The banking profession is a conspicuous example. When there fell on the field of battle that brave young soldier, Lieut. R. T. Matthew, we bade good-bye to one who had been active, useful and interested in many departments of the church's life, as Church Warden, as Choir Member and as general helper where ever help is needed. His lead is being ably and worthily followed to-day by his successor in the bank, Mr. C. L. Worsley, who is distinguished as being always able and willing to meet any emergency that may arise. As Lay Reader, and as a Chorist in particular, he is forever helping along God's cause.

11. Church property like every other will run down, and is in constant need of renewal. The last renovation was in 1902. At that time the congregation worshipped in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall while the improvements were in process. Among the changes made was the removal of the organ across the chancel to its present position. Through the generosity of the late Mr. Rumsey it was possible to rebuild and enlarge it. It is rather remarkable that from the time of its first installation, Miss Howard has been the organist. That fact alone is eloquent testimony to the quality of her service. The present exterior renovation of the church buildings has in large part been made possible through the benefaction of the late Mr. John H. Timms.

The Committee entrusted with the preparation of the this sketch wish to publicly thank all those who have aided in making it possible to carry out the task by their kindly interest and help. In this connection we wish to mention especially Prof. A. H. Young, of Trinity College, Toronto, who went to considerable trouble in investigating some of the points connected with the early history of the church in the Huron district ; Mr. John Eedy of the Journal-Argus for use of his files of back numbers of that publication ; the Misses Lampman of Thorold for photo and biographical sketch of Rev. A. Lampman ; and Mesdames Clench, F. S. Taylor and Chesterfield, for valuable information furnished. The Committee also ask the kind indulgence of members of the congregation for omission of any essential facts that may occur. Even with the limited material at hand, this sketch could easily have been amplified to the proportions of a respectable volume, and consequently much good work performed by present or past members has been passed over without mention. They trust that the brief outline here given may not be without merit, however, in recalling the memory of past efforts which may stimulate the minds of the present generation of church goers to take up and carry on the never-ending fight of "the Church Militant here upon Earth."

REV. C. K. MASTERS	} Committee
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## The Roll of the Clergy



1. The Rev. Archibald Lampman, B. A., was ordained by the Bishop of Toronto in 1850 and was Rector of St. Marys 1851, Morpeth 1858 and Trinity Church, Howard Tp. He left the Diocese in 1866.

2. Rev. James Smythe, M. A., came to St. Marys from Warwick in 1859 (March 16th). Leaving St. Marys in 1866 he was successively incumbent of Christ Church, London, Strathroy 1875-78 and Shelburne where he died in 1880.

3. Rev. Stephen Benson Kellogg was ordained in 1859 and appointed Curate of Ingersoll. After 4 years in Eastwood he came to St. Marys in 1865 and served one year, leaving to become Curate of St. Pauls Cathedral, London. After serving in Clinton and St. Thomas he left the Diocese in 1875.

4. Rev. John Philpot Curran was born in Co. Cork, Ireland, ordained in Ohio, U. S. A. and came to this diocese in 1859. After 7 years in Southampton he came to St. Marys in 1866 where he served 4 years. His further service was in Walkerton, Stratford and Huntingford. He was superannuated in 1886 and died at Brantford in 1900.

5. Rev. Joel Tombleson Wright was ordained 1861 and appointed to Wardsville. Thence he removed to St. Marys in 1870 where he served for 18 years. In 1888 he became Incumbent of St. Johns, London Township, and in 1891 was appointed to Norwich. He was superannuated in 1903 and died in 1911.

6. Rev. Chas. O'Meara was ordained in 1881. He served in Fordwich 1881, Forest 1882, Petrolea 1887, coming to St. Marys in 1888 where he served till Nov. 1889, when he left the Diocese. He is still living and I think, still in active work.

7. Rev. Thomas Wm. Magahy was ordained 1872, serving successively in Listowel 1872, Durham 1875, Lucan 1878, coming to St. Marys March 1st, 1890. He died March 22nd, 1890.

8. Rev. William Jas. Taylor was ordained 1878. He served in Alvinston for one year, Wardsville, Newbury and Glencoe for 9 years, Mitchell for 2 years, coming to St. Marys in 1890. He died in 1917.

9. Rev. Charles K. Masters, M. A., B. D., M. C., ordained 1903 by the Bishop of Ontario. Served as Curate in St. James, Kingston, Rector of St. Matthias, Halifax, and of Trinity Church, Wiarton. Went overseas as Chaplain for 2 years where he won the Military Cross. Appointed to St. Marys Oct. 1st, 1917.



## List of Heads of Families

Belonging to the Church in the early eighties, taken from the list of registered voters for the year 1883, supplemented from other sources.



Milner Hart	George Whiles	John Fitzsimmons
W. V. Hutton	L. M. Clench	Joseph Herbert
T. D. Stanley	Mrs. Ford	Luke Spearin
A. Carman	Decole Weston	R. S. Wilson
Luke Spearin	Robert Bonis	F. W. Hollis
James Guest	Jos. White	Joseph Stafford
Charles Humphris	Isaac Bailey	Wm. Greason
C. S. Rumsey	Jacob Oddy	Wm. Robinson
Joseph Ingram	S. Knott	Frank Allen
W. Coleman	Frank Standeaven	O. J. White
R. Armstrong	W. Robinson	H. B. Morphy
H. Dewey	Isaac Robinson	D. Dewar
Mrs. R. Guest	Jas. Martin	Wm. Atkinson
James Othen	John Keir	W. Hutchings
Frank Perdue	John Keen	E. Sydney Smith
Capt. Bailey	Jas. Betteridge	J. D. Stanley
T. B. Guest	Samuel Todd	Thos. B. Bennett
William Best	Robt. Hern	F. H. Wilson
W. Williams	David Dillabough	Thos. J. Evans
James Robinson	John Lancaster	Jas. Chalmers
H. F. Sharp	John Hepburn	W. C. Montizambert
Leonard D. Stanley	John Downs	F. S. Hall
H. H. Stevenson	John Chown	Susan Hall
E. W. Harding	Alex Patterson	W. H. Hunt
J. A. Humphris	Mrs. F. Ridley	John Routley
John Hazle	T. H. Dunbar	James Leary
George Spearin	J. A. Busselle	John Gillson
John E. Harding	Mrs. F. E. Taylor	Jas. Chalmers
Samuel Robinson	Miss Sara Johnson	J. A. Chesterfield
Edith Hogg	Thomas Timms	K. R. Waring
J. E. Coleman	John Timms	
John Teskey	James J. Hall	

## List of Wardens from 1878 to 1921



1878—	Milner Hart A. Carman	1896-7—	W. C. Montizambert Chas. Richardson, sr.
1879—	M. Hart C. S. Rumsey	1898-99-1900—	Joseph Stafford Col. H. A. L. White
1880-81—	M. Hart Jas. Robinson	1901—	Col. H. A. L. White T. B. Bennett
1882—	A. Carman Robt. Armstrong	1902-3—	T. B. Bennett T. Crozier
1883—	T. D. Stanley Robt. Armstrong	1904-5—	Col. H. A. L. White Thos. Crozier
1884—	T. D. Stanley C. S. Rumsey	1906—	T. B. Bennett E. Lancaster
1885—	T. D. Stanley A. Carman	1907-8-9—	T. B. Bennett B. F. Lancaster
1886-7	T. D. Stanley Charles Humphris	1910—	R. T. Matthew T. B. Bennett
1888—	W. Williams T. D. Stanley	1911-12—	Luke Spearin Chas. Richardson, jr.
1889-90-91—	Reg. St. J. Wilson T. D. Stanley	1913-14-15-16	Joseph Feightner Luke Spearin
1892—	W. Coleman W. C. Montizambert	1917-18-19-20—	E. L. Lancaster C. E. Richardson, jr.
1893—	S. Dinsmore T. D. Stanley	1921—	A. G. Larsson C. E. Richardson, jr.
1894-5—	F. W. Wilson W. C. Montizambert		



REV. STEPHEN BENSON KELLOGG

Rector 1865-1866

THE above cut of Rev. Stephen Benson Kellogg was not available when the history of the Parish was printed, but has been forwarded since by his daughter, Mrs. Skey, wife of Rev. Canon Skey, M. A., of St. Anne's Church, Toronto. Mrs. Skey also informs us that the register of the Diocese, from which the "Roll of the Clergy" was compiled, was incomplete in that it did not record the fact that Mr. Kellogg died in St. Thomas in the year 1875, and that, after leaving St. Paul's Cathedral, London, he served in St. John and Rothesay, New Brunswick, before returning to the Diocese and being appointed to Clinton.







